

STAUNTON'S HEAVY LOSS

FOUR BODIES TAKEN FROM THE
DERRIS AT RAILROAD BRIDGE.Bravely Meeting the Calamity That Visited
the City—The Scenes of Desolation.
Live Fish in the Streets.

STAUNTON, VA., Sept. 29.—Special.—The people of Staunton are not mourning over their losses, but are taking heart to rebuild what was so rudely swept away, and the day was spent in clearing away the wreck, trying to save what was left, at the same time taking a look-out for the body of any unfortunate whose life was given up to the merciless waters.

The banks of Lewis creek today present a complete picture of desolation, wreck and ruin. The stream which swept down Central avenue was between three and four feet deep and its velocity was almost incalculable.

LIKE JOHNSTOWN.

The streets of Johnstown, Pa., which were food-swept, a number of years ago, did not present a more vivid picture of desolation than this part of Staunton did Wednesday morning.

The creek, which flows through West End, poured a volume of raging water into Lewis creek near the Chesapeake and Ohio depot and that increased the stream's capacity for working ruin. But this creek, also, carried death and destruction as it swept through West End. A small house, occupied by James Smith (colored), better known as "Horse Laid-dish Jim," was hurled from its foundation



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A REVIEWING STAND BROKE DOWN
AND MANY WERE HURT.The Vice-President and Gen. Drake Reported to be Seriously Injured, but the
Rumor Cannot be Confirmed.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Oct. 1.—Just after the procession in the semi-centennial celebration got under way, and while 20,000 people were in the streets, the reviewing stand broke down.

Governor Drake and Vice-President Stevenson were slightly injured. County Treasurer E. S. Burrus will die. Clerk L. P. Poor was dangerously injured.

State Commissioner Seymour Jones was badly hurt. J. P. Huron, of Gov. Drake's staff, was badly bruised.

Every one on the stand was more or less injured. Late rumors are that Governor Drake and Vice-President Stevenson were both seriously injured.

The great confusion and immense crowd makes it impossible to confirm the report just yet.

MARRIAGE IN POWHATAN.

Miss Cora L. Hobson Becomes the Bride of Mr. Charles E. Ashburner.

One of the prettiest marriages that has occurred in Powhatan county this season was solemnized at Petersville church yesterday at noon, when Miss Cora L. Hobson became the bride of Mr. Charles E. Ashburner.

The church was prettily decorated with golden rods and ferns. The couple stood under a beautiful horseshoe of flowers



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EVERYTHING WAS READY FOR THE
FLOOD WHEN IT REACHED CITY.After Reaching About Fourteen Feet the
Water Went Down—Not Much Destruction—Virginia Did Not Leave Yesterday.

As stated in The Times yesterday the extreme height of the river above high-water-mark at Columbia did not exceed twenty-nine feet. This was the danger point, however, and those who had property along the river front at this point were advised in ample time to remove all freight and other goods to places of safety.

The only material damage that will result from the high water will, therefore, be that sustained by the partial washing away of wharves and the mowing of corn in which some losses have been sustained.

Some little loss will be occasioned by the washing away of a small amount of lumber and railroad ties. Some expense will also be incurred by clearing out the mud and accumulated worthless debris, but taken as a whole, the total loss will be small as compared to that sustained in previous freshets.

LIVELY SCENE.

The scene about the wharves yesterday was one of animation. Early in the day the golden-hued aqua began to crawl up over the Bay Line, the Old Dominion, and neighboring wharves, and slowly but surely the board floors dropped out of sight, and the water became master of the situation.

So high did the water come at the Bay Line wharf that the steamer "Virginia" had to abandon the place, and go up to the wharf of the Hayes Company, where she anchored.

Owing to the high water and the extreme difficulty of handling freight, and the danger that is necessarily coupled with a freshet, the Virginia did not leave for Baltimore on her scheduled trip, and will probably not leave for that city before to-morrow.

In the afternoon the water climbed over on to the wharves of the Hayes Company, but the employees of that firm had foreseen this, and everything was placed in security against the mighty force of the water.

Davenport & Morris had everything removed from the cellar early in the morning, and they anticipated no trouble. The water began to rise inch by inch, however, and at 10 o'clock was very near a level with its banks. During the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock the water rose at the rate of four inches an hour, and at this rate it was not believed that it could possibly reach the first floor of the Davenport & Morris warehouse, on which was stored a large amount of cement and other perishable articles.

YARDS AND CELLARS FULL.

The backyards and cellars of the stores on the south side of Main street, in the vicinity of the creek, were filled with water to the depth of several feet, but everything of value had been removed to places of safety, and consequently the loss was slight.

Lock street in front of the steamboat wharves was covered with over two feet of water, and Lester street for three blocks was covered to an uncomfortable depth, and a score of wide-awake citizens, and a few others, were on hand all day and a great part of the night ready and willing to carry the wayfarer over the water in row boats. The trolley cars were cut off from Fulton, from early in the afternoon, stopping at the water line near the Old Dominion wharf.

Nearly the whole of Mayor's Island was submerged, but street-car traffic was not interfered with in the least. At about 12 o'clock midnight the water began to recede, and by this afternoon the wharves may be expected to resume their normal state.

Up the river much damage was done to the lowlands, and considerable property was washed away.

ALEXANDRIA DAMAGE.

Clearing Away the Wreck and Counting Up the Losses.

ALEXANDRIA, Oct. 1.—Special.—The damage by Tuesday night's storm has put about every unemployed man in this neighborhood at work, and will circulate thousands of dollars that would otherwise have not been expended.

Although, as stated in The Times, but two persons were crushed to death, and the loss is largely the destruction of sheds and houses, the destruction of town houses, it will foot up over \$100,000 in losses.

Although the weather has been threatening off and on since last night, no rain has fallen, and those with red noses have been congratulating themselves that it might have been worse. Many strange stories and many more narrow escapes are told in many instances whole families escaped but by a hand's breadth.

A young lady in Captain Graham's big brick house, on Prince street, says she simply opened a window to pull a blind back, when the wind entered, blowing her across the room and the whole upper floor went wall out, including a chimney. These crashed through the rear of Dr. Fawcett's, but the family were together in a front room.

Mr. John Heishy has upwards of ten daughters, and three have rooms in the third story of his big brick house. He went up and called them down, pulling a little boy along, and when they reached the first floor, the whole roof caved in, coming through to the third story.

Mr. William Dunlop Stewart lived in a little frame house adjoining the old Lannon residence, corner Pitt and Cameron, occupied by Mr. J. T. Henderson. The great chimney of the Lannon house went over, and then the west wall above the Stewart house fell out on Mr. Stewart's house, just above where he sat in a chair near his sister. Toas of brick and debris came through, crushing all like an egg-shell. Neighbors ran into the house and found Miss Stewart nearly out of the debris, but Mr. Stewart was found on his knees dead. The chair was splintered.

Old Mrs. Holt, a North Carolina lady, who lived in one of Wheat & Sater's row, was found under a pile of debris dead. The colored Baptist church, out on Patrick and Princess, was simply splintered. It was more completely demolished than the train shed and paint shop and car sheds at the railroad yards, while Robert's chapel, also colored, a large church, recently rebuilt, was made untenable.

The south walls of Schuler's large hall, on upper King street, were driven in and wrecked the stage, and crashed through into the stores below.

The Dies furniture factory, in New Alexandria, is a mass of ruins, as is the spoke works, while some houses over there were rolled across like a foot-ball.

Young Fitz Lee Minnigerode had a dozen bricks to strike close to his head. The west wall of his house went in for a portion when the roof went off.

"Warwick" Frank Hume's fine place, was badly wrecked. The house was irreparably damaged. The buildings at the Driving Park, like the fences, are either prostrate or broken up, as are things at the brick-yards generally.

All the country round about is broken down. Some barns are prostrated, and many horses and cattle were killed.

Twenty-odd vessels were driven ashore on the river. Several were wrecked, but no lives are reported lost up to this hour. Several had narrow escapes, and had to swim for a long distance to reach the shore.

Among one of the cleverest acts during

the storm was that of young Alf. Mason, operator at the electric railway station. When the wires went down he turned over his key to another, and, with the storm at its height, he found his way to Four-Mile Run, and there ordered the current off before anybody ran into any of those wires.

No house seemed too strong to withstand such a gale. Among those that are nearly wrecked are buildings erected in years ago, when they were made to last for ages. The old Snowden house, with its dilapidated state, it looks as though a man-of-war had lain off in the river and bombarded it.

RICHMOND WOMAN GETS \$17,000.

Mrs. Anderson Recovers Damages From a Street-Car Company.

A telegram to The Times from Chicago last night says:

Mrs. Rosalie J. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., as to-day secured a verdict for \$17,000 damages against the North Chicago Street Railway Company, by a jury in Judge Chatfield's court. During the trial the Fair Mrs. Anderson was injured while trying to board a car. She sued the company for \$50,000.

MAY RUN FOR CONGRESS.

A conference of the leaders of the

Bahen-Mitchell Republicans as held last

night.

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Richard Irbey, youngest son of Edmund

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born at Poplar Hill, the second home

of the family, in Nottoway, September

28, 1825.

His father, a farmer of large means, died in the prime of life, leaving a widow and six children, all under age but one. Fortunately, the oldest was eminently fitted to fill the headship in business matters, while the mother did all a mother could do in moulding the minds and characters of her children. After all the debts were paid, the family had a competency which was sufficient to give the minor children good educational advantages.

At the tender age of fourteen, the sub-

ject of this sketch entered Randolph-

Macon College, and was a student at

that institution for five years, where he

was graduated with the degree of A. B.,

along with the late Bishop McTear, of

Tennessee; John Howard, John Leon,

William Cabell, of Virginia, most of whom

are now dead.

Leaving college, he followed the taste

and example of his forefathers by be-

coming a tiller of the soil on the planta-

tion of his mother, in partnership with

one of his brothers. Up to the war, no

man of the family was known to desert

the farm.

As a farmer, he was eminently suc-

cessful. In 1850, with neighbors he organized

the Farmers' Club of Nottoway, one of

the most useful and active farmers' as-

sociations ever formed in the State, of

which he was the first president.

He was connected with the State Agri-

cultural Society, the draft of the

premium list of the first State Agri-

cultural Society Fair was made by him.

He was connected officially with this

society for over twenty years, and he and

Mr. W. G. Crenshaw are the only sur-

viving officers of the original society.

Early in his active life, Mr. Irbey added

to his farming business that of the man-

ufacture of farm implements, which was

very successful up to and during the

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A GALLANT SOLDIER.

The war coming on, his business was

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WOUNDED IN BATTLE.

"We, who are living, well remember how faithful he was to duty, how calmly he stood at the first Manassas, and now he is dead at Williamsburg. Seven times he led at Williamsburg. At the last-named battle he was severely wounded in the neck and shoulder while gallantly leading the charge, which disabled him for a long time, and finally occasioned his transfer to the commissary department in June, 1862, where he rendered most efficient service in getting supplies for the army."